

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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ROBERT L. CITROEN, LAW
CORPORATION, a Nevada Corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 3:16-cv-000570-RCJ-WGC

VS.

MICRON OPTICS, INC.,
a Georgia corporation and JOHN
DOES I through X, ABC Corporations
I through X and Black and White
Companies I through X,
Defendants.

MICRON OPTICS, INC., a Georgia
Corporation,
Counterclaimant

vs.
ROBERT L. CITROEN, LAW
CORPORATION, a Nevada Corporation;
ROBERT L. CITROEN, an individual,
DOES I-X inclusive, and ROES I-X,
inclusive.

**PROTECTIVE ORDER
REGARDING ROBERT L. CITROEN
AND ROBERT L. CITROEN LAW
CORPORATION U.S. INCOME TAX
RETURNS**

The parties are hereby granted the right, upon compliance with the applicable discovery provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the orders of this court, to obtain from Robert L. Citroen and Robert L. Citroen Law Corporation's tax preparer copies of their United States income tax returns including any attachments or schedules and documents reflecting income funds or benefits Citroen received from Micron, Micron Optics International, Technica, Metallikon, Karlsson & Bergkvist (Schweiz) and S.A. des Etablissements Karoly (SADEK) from 2004 to 2016. The records are confidential by law pursuant to Internal Revenue Code sections 6103, 7213 and 7431.

1 The parties and the court agree and recognize that these tax returns are private and confidential and
2 include information from a non-party to this litigation and it is the intention of the parties and the court to
3 maintain the confidentiality of these documents and to keep them as private and to limit who has access
4 as well as limit their use.

5 Any motion regarding filing confidential information and motions to seal shall comply with LR
6 1A 10-5 and the dictates of *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006). See
7 also, *Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016).

8 This order authorizes Mr. Citroen's tax preparer, Mel Darton, if he is provided with a subpoena
9 requesting the production of documents or commanding attendant at a deposition or trial to disclose the
10 United States federal tax returns of Robert L. Citroen Law Corporation or Robert L. Citroen, including any
11 attachments or schedules, and documents reflecting income funds or benefits Citroen received from
12 Micron, Micron Optics International, Technica, Metallikon, Karlsson & Bergkvist (Schweiz) and S.A. des
13 Etablissements Karoly (SADEK) from 2004 to 2016 to counsel for the parties in this litigation.

14 Counsel for the parties are expressly prohibited from using or disclosing the protected United States
15 federal tax returns, attachments and schedules and information obtained pursuant to this order for any
16 purpose other than this action. Counsel for the parties are ordered to maintain the confidentiality of such
17 documents and not share them with any persons, parties or witnesses other than:

- 18 a. The parties' litigation counsel of record or members of such counsel's firm, including
19 associates and paralegal, clerical, secretarial, and administrative employees of such
20 counsel of record assigned to assist in the preparation of this litigation, Micron's Chief
21 Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer;
- 22 b. Employees of any professional photocopy service or other litigation support service
23 utilized by counsel in the preparation of this litigation;
- 24 c. Any author, recipient, or producing party of such documents;
- 25 d. The Court and any persons employed by the Court whose duties require access to such
26 material;

- 1 e. The expert of Micron, William Salinski; and
2 f. Court reporters and other persons involved in recording deposition testimony in this action
3 by any means.

4 Further, the parties are ordered to either return the United States federal tax returns, attachments
5 and schedules and documents reflecting income funds or benefits Citroen received from Micron, Micron
6 Optics International, Technica, Metallikon, Karlsson & Bergkvist (Schweiz) and S.A. des Etablissements
7 Karoly (SADEK) from 2004 to 2016 from whom or which such protected information was obtained, or to
8 destroy the protected information (including all copies made), within 45 days of the conclusion of this
9 action.

10 **Definition of Key Terms:**

11 a. The term “confidential information” shall include: any United States federal tax returns,
12 attachments and schedules and documents reflecting income funds or benefits Citroen received from
13 Micron, Micron Optics International, Technica, Metallikon, Karlsson & Bergkvist (Schweiz) and S.A. des
14 Etablissements Karoly (SADEK) from 2004 to 2016, information or data maintained by the Internal
15 Revenue Service such as:

- 16 ● The name of the person
17 ● His or her mailing address
18 ● His or her taxpayer identification number
19 ● Email addresses
20 ● Telephone numbers
21 ● Social Security numbers
22 ● Bank account numbers
23 ● Date and place of birth
24 ● Mother’s maiden name
25 ● Biometric data (e.g., height, weight, eye color, fingerprints)
26 ● The name or identity of an employing unit

1 ● Any combination of the preceding

2 b. Disclosure - The term “disclosure” means the making known to any person in any manner
3 whatever of confidential information

4 c. Inspect (Browsing) - The term “inspect” means to view in any manner whatever a return,
5 return information or other confidential information

6 d. Return - The term “return” means any filed tax or information return, declaration of
7 estimated tax, or claim for refund required by, or provided or permitted under the law.

8 e. Return Information - The term “return information” means a taxpayer’s identity, nature,
9 source, or amount of income, payments, receipts, deductions, exemptions, credits, assets, liability, tax
10 withheld, deficiencies, etc. or any other data received by, recorded by, prepared by, furnished to, or
11 collected with respect to the determination of the existence or possible existence, of liability of any person
12 of any tax, penalty, interest, fine, forfeiture, or other imposition or offense.

13 f. Anyone operating on its behalf - The term “anyone operating on its behalf” means any
14 person subject to counsel for the parties’ supervision, including any associate, employee, contractor, agent
15 or representative who is provided access to confidential information provided under the terms of this order.

16 **Agreement to Maintain Confidentiality.**

17 All counsel and the parties herein agree that they will not disclose, use or access, in any manner,
18 any confidential information described herein unless authorized to do so under the terms of this order.

19 **Effect of Breach.**

20 All counsel and the parties herein understand that a breach of this order may result in sanctions for
21 violation of this order.

22 Counsel in this action and their employees having access to any confidential information obtained
23 pursuant to this order shall be subject to all privacy federal and state laws and regulations, and will comply
24 with limitations on use, treatment, and safeguarding of data under these laws, regulations and agreements
25 and amendments. Counsel and their employees to this action will provide to Robert Citroen or Robert L.
26 Citroen Law Corporation a current list, upon request of counsel, the employees of counsel who have access
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1 to confidential information disclosed under this order. The list shall include each person's full name,
2 address and telephone number.

3 Confidential information provided hereunder, or identifiable information derived therefrom, shall
4 not be disclosed to any individual(s) that is/are not subject to this order. Information provided hereunder,
5 or identifiable information derived therefrom, shall not be copied, downloaded, or otherwise placed in any
6 format which may become a public record. Counsel agrees that they will not provide or allow access of
7 the information obtained hereunder to any agent, third party, contractor, subcontractor unless conditioned
8 upon said agent, third party, contractor, subcontractor agreeing in writing to be bound by the use and
9 confidentiality terms and conditions of this confidentiality order.
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11 All parties and counsel and their employees shall exercise reasonable and prudent security
12 procedures to protect such information, reports, returns, and other documentation in their possession,
13 including electronic versions thereof, from any unauthorized access and/or disclosure. Access to the
14 information covered by this order shall be limited to the minimum number of individuals who are counsel
15 or their employees necessary to achieve the states purpose of the order.

16 Notwithstanding any provisions of this order, any breach of the confidentiality or non-disclosure
17 provisions above shall be grounds for immediate motion or legal action.

18 **Disposal of Confidential Information.**

19 Once confidential information or data obtained hereunder is no longer useful for the purposes
20 described herein, counsel agrees to within 45 days return to Plaintiff's counsel or destroy all such
21 confidential documents and information or data maintained on any information system platform or any form
22 of storage media in the following manner:
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24 Confidential information obtained pursuant to this order and any paper material generated
25 therefrom, such as copies, photo impressions, computer printouts, notes, and work papers, must be returned
26 to Plaintiff's counsel or destroyed by burning or shredding. Printed material must be burned in an
27 incinerator that produces enough heat to burn the entire bundle, or the bundle must be separated to ensure
28 that all pages are incinerated. Printed material to be shredded must be shredded in the following manner:

1 The paper must be inserted so that lines of print are perpendicular to the cutting line; the paper must be
2 shredded to effect 5/16-inch-wide or smaller strips. Consideration should be given to the use of cross-cut
3 shredders; if shredding deviates from the 5/16-inch specification, confidential information must be
4 safeguarded until it reaches the stage where it is rendered unreadable through additional means, such as
5 burning or pulping.

6 Confidential information obtained pursuant to this order that is stored in electronic format must
7 be returned to Plaintiff's counsel or destroyed in the following manner: Electronic media (e.g., hard drives,
8 tapes, CDs, and flash media) must be destroyed according to IRS Publication 1075 guidance in Section
9 9.3.10.6, *Media Sanitization (MP-6)*, and Section 9.4.7, *Media Sanitization*.

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11 Electronic media containing confidential information must not be made available for reuse by other
12 offices or released for destruction without first being subjected to electromagnetic erasing. If reuse is not
13 intended, the tape must be destroyed by cutting into lengths of 18 inches or less or by burning to effect
14 complete incineration.

15 Microfilm and microfiche must be returned to Plaintiff's counsel or shredded to effect 1/35-inch
16 by 3/8-inch strips.

17 Dated this 7th day of November 2017

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19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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